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I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways held its fourteenth session in Geneva on 30 January 2015. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

2. The Administrative Committee noted that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of taking decisions had been reached.

3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) took part in the session as an observer.

II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/ADN/30 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

III. Election of officers for 2015 (agenda item 2)

5. On the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands, Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was elected Chairman and Mr. B. Birklhuber (Austria) was elected Vice-Chairman for the sessions in 2015.

IV. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 3)

6. The Administrative Committee noted that there were now 18 Contracting Parties to ADN: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

V. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 4)

A. Recognition of classification societies

7. The Committee noted that since its last session Austria had recognised DNV GL SE and Croatia had recognised the Shipping Register of Ukraine. The Administrative Committee requested all countries that had previously recognised Germanischer Lloyd to inform the secretariat whether they recognised DNV GL SE which had succeeded Germanischer Lloyd. The lists of recommended and recognised classification societies can be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html.

8. The Committee also reiterated its request for those Recommended ADN Classification Societies that had not yet done so to present their certification in accordance

with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012. Certification had so far been received from Bureau Veritas, Lloyd's Register and the Shipping Register of Ukraine.

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

9. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, could be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html.

C. Miscellaneous notifications

10. The Committee invited Contracting Parties to submit their model expert certificates to the UNECE secretariat so that the secretariat could make them available on the website. Model certificates had been received from Germany, Netherlands and Slovakia. The model certificates can be found at the following link: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/model_expert_certificates.html. The Committee also invited countries to send the secretariat their statistics on examinations for experts.

D. Other matters

11. No other matters were raised under this item.

VI. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 5)

12. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its twenty-sixth session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/CRP.1 and Adds. 1-5 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/CRP.2 and Adds. 1-2) adopted during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/54). It also approved the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for incorporation in the draft set of amendments that it should consider at its sixteenth session in January 2016 for formal adoption and subsequent submission to Contracting Parties for acceptance and entry into force on 1 January 2017, as contained in annex I of that report. It requested the secretariat to issue errata to the 2015 ADN publication in order to rectify the editorial errors listed in annex II of the report. It also endorsed the model certificate of participation in the specialization course on gases according to 1.6.8, as contained in annex III of the report.

13. The Committee also endorsed the interpretation concerning stability and load calculations submitted by the Recommended ADN Classification Societies as reflected in paragraphs 25 to 33 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/54 and requested the secretariat to include the revised text on its website.

VII. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 6)

14. The Committee decided to hold its next session at 12.00 on 28 August 2015. It noted that the deadline for the submission of documents for that session was 29 May 2015.

VIII. Any other business (agenda item 7)

15. The Committee had no other business to discuss under this item.

IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)

16. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its fourteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the session.